Cotton Monopoly Scheme of Maharashtra;

313. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEX TILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Cotton *Monopoly* Scheme of Maharashtra is run ning at a loss;

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for; and

(c) what are the reasons for which the Central Government are not adopting a scheme nation-wide in order to give pro tection to the cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRl KHURSHID ALAM KHAN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is reported that the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers' Market, ing Federation are purchasing cotton from, the farmers at guaranteed prices which are unrelated to the price situation prevailing in the country.

(c) Government is already protecting the interests of cotton growers by directing the Cotton Corporation of India to purchase cotton at minimum support prices whenever the cotton prices tend to fall below the minimum support prices. It is not necessary to adopt Maharashtra Scheme throughout the country as the losses are likely to be more.

Reliance Fraud Case

314. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV: Will the Mmister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the offi cials involved in Reliance fraud case;

(b) what sort of irregularities by the management of Reliance Textile Indus tries have been observed by Government; and

(c) the manner jn which the Reliance Textile Industries acquired prior know ledge of change in Government's policy restricting imports of PTA a^d had open ed letters of credit t° prompt the new policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (c) It js presumed that the Hon'ble Member is referring to the case concerning opening of letters of credit by several banks for import of PTA by Reliance Textile Industries Ltd. in the last week of May 1986. The matter is stiH under investigation by CBI

Fresh proposals to solve ethnic problem in Sri Lanka

315. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gov-ernment of Sri Lanka has submitted fresh proposals for the solution of the ethnic problem;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Tami] groups have been to India for discussion on the proposals; and

(c) if so. what are the improvements suggested vis-a-vis eariier proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN): (a) The Govt. of Sri Lanka h'ave presented new formulations and clarifications

(b) and (c) Tlie Sri Lankan proposals were handed over to the Tamil groups for ths'r careful consideration at the end Of June, 1986. A TULF delegation is currently "holding talks with the Stri L'ankan Govermment in Colombo. Th© outcome of these talks is awaited.

Prosecutions launched by the Income Tax Department jn Ludhiana

316. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what js the number of prosecutions launched by the Income Tax Dpartment 1 for failure by the assessees at Ludhiana